

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

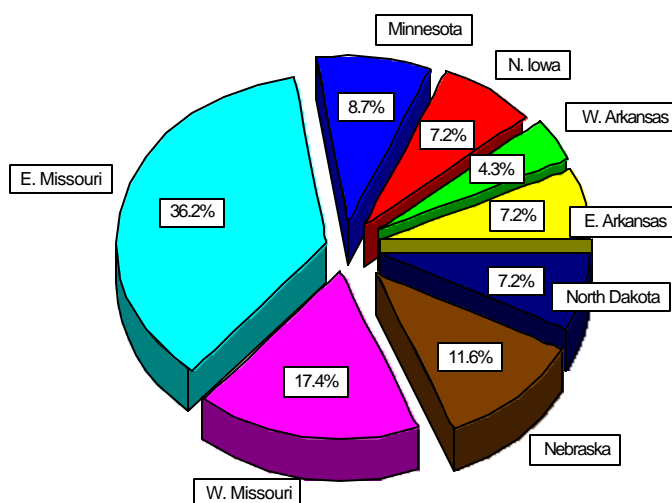
STATISTICAL REPORT JANUARY 1, 2000 thru SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

New Case Filings

One hundred and two cases were docketed in the first nine months of 2000. Twenty-six of these cases (25%) were filed by pro se litigants. Of the cases filed, seventy-one were appeals from contested matters and thirty-one were appeals from adversary proceedings. Five applications to take an interlocutory appeal were filed. The graphics below illustrate the breakdown of case origin by district.

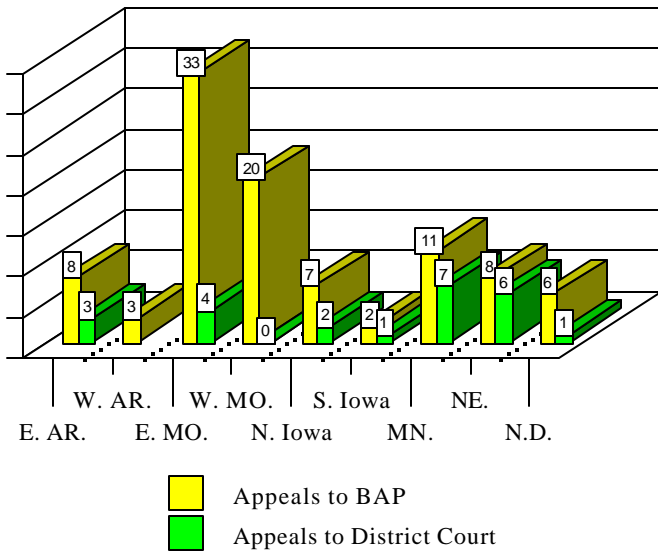
New Cases

Eastern Arkansas	9
Western Arkansas	3
Northern Iowa	8
Southern Iowa	3
Minnesota	11
Eastern Missouri	33
Western Missouri	20
Nebraska	9
North Dakota	6
TOTAL	102



District Court Elections

The chart to the left compares the number of appeals taken to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel with those taken to the District Courts. In the first three quarters of 2000, one hundred twenty-two appeals were taken from the Bankruptcy Courts. Ninety-eight of those cases (80%) were appealed to and remained with the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel; twenty-four of the cases (20%) were appealed directly to or were transferred to the District Courts¹.



Case Processing Time

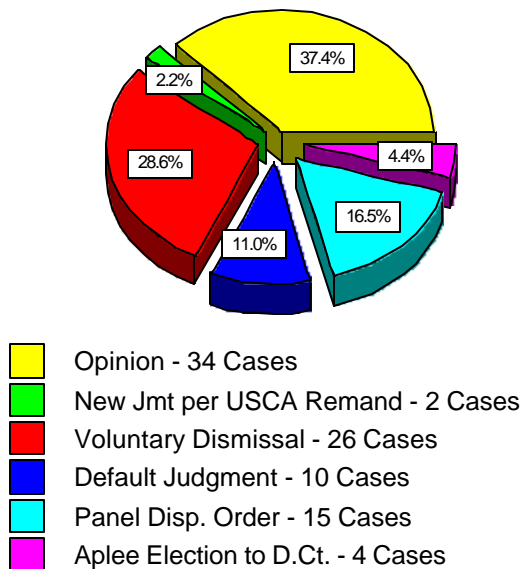
Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases submitted on the merits which were subsequently closed between January 1, 2000 and September 30, 2000.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total Processing Time
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	
Hearing Panel Matters	66 days 2.2 months	58 days 1.9 months	40 days 1.3 months	164 days 5.4 months
Screening Panel Matters	68 days 2.2 months	11 days .4 months	29 days .9 months	108 days 3.5 months
All Cases	66 days 2.2 months	51 days 1.7 months	38 days 1.2 months	155 days 5.1 months

¹These figures do not include appeals taken to the District Court from the Western District of Arkansas.

Panel Referrals

In the first three quarters of 2000, nineteen matters were referred to Administrative Panels. In addition, nine matters were referred back to previous panels, resulting in a total of twenty-eight Administrative Panel referrals. Four cases were submitted to Screening Panels and thirty-three cases were submitted to Hearing Panels. Hearings were held in St. Paul, Omaha, Des Moines, Kansas City, Fargo and St. Louis. The Panel also held one hearing via video-conference with Little Rock.

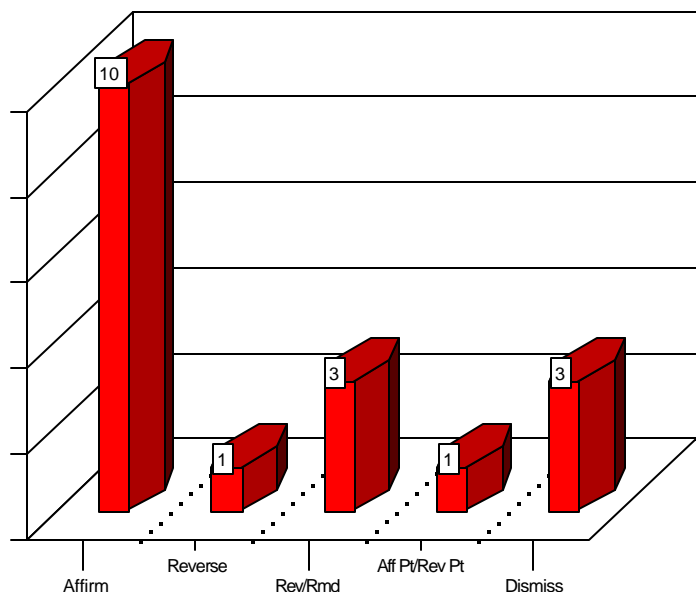


Case Dispositions

Eighty-nine cases were closed in the first nine months of 2000. In addition, two previously-closed cases were re-opened and dispositive orders were entered pursuant to remand orders from the 8th Circuit Court. The Panel wrote a total of thirty opinions which disposed of thirty-four cases. To the left is a breakdown of the method by which each case was closed.

Opinion Breakdown

The chart to the right breaks down each dispositive opinion by its outcome. As shown in the chart, 77% of the opinions either affirmed the Bankruptcy Court decision or dismissed the appeal.



Appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals

Nine notices of appeal were taken to the Court of Appeals from the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in the first three quarters of 2000. In addition, fourteen cases were pending before the Court of Appeals at the beginning of the year. Eight cases were closed by the Court of Appeals during the last six months, leaving a total of fifteen pending cases. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases appealed to the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed	6
Voluntarily Dismissed	1
Reversed & Remanded	1